

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application, as presently pending, is respectfully requested. Claim 1 has been amended. Claim 11 has been canceled. New claims 30-31 have been added. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to the claims have resulted in the addition of no new matter.

Claims 1-2, 8, and 11-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over WO 00/19231 to Twitchell (“Twitchell”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,999,125 to Kurby (“Kurby”). Claim 3 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Twitchell in view of Kurby and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,473,031 to Harris (“Harris”). Claims 4-7, 9-10, 13-15, 17-23, and 25-29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Twitchell in view of Kurby and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,516,190 to Linkola (“Linkola”). Claims 16 and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Twitchell in view of Kurby, Linkola and Harris.

Twitchell is directed to a position locating system that calculates a position based on ephemeris data knowledge in order to attempt to reduce acquisition times of a GPS system. Kurby is directed to a GPS system that determines whether ephemeris data is older than a predetermined value at startup of the GPS system. Linkola is directed to a method of determining call rates in a mobile communications system by comparing past and present mobile country codes. Harris is directed to a privacy enhancement device for electronic devices that operates in two different modes. In the first mode, the device can be detected. In the second mode, the device cannot be detected.

Applicant respectfully submits that amended independent claim 1 distinguishes over the cited combination of Twitchell and Kurby. In particular, the cited combination of Twitchell and Kurby fails to teach, suggest, or render obvious at least one of the distinguishing features of amended independent claim 1, namely, determining at startup of a GPS receiver occurrence of a change in a mobile country code and mobile network code of a cellular device associated with the GPS receiver. Applicant respectfully submits that amended independent claim 1 is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that the rejection thereof be withdrawn.

Dependent claims 2, 8 and 11-12 depend from and further limit independent claim 1. Claim 11 has been canceled, rendering the rejection thereof moot. Applicant respectfully submits that dependent claims 2, 8, and 12 distinguish over the cited combination of Twitchell and Kurby for at least the same reasons as those set forth above with respect to amended independent claim 1. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 2, 8 and 12 as obvious over Twitchell in view of Kurby is respectfully requested.

Claim 3 depends from and further limits independent claim 1 in a patentable sense. Given that Harris fails to cure the deficiencies noted above with respect to independent claim 1 relative to Twitchell in view of Kurby, Applicant respectfully submits that dependent claim 3 is also in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection of dependent claim 3 is respectfully requested. Claims 4-7 and 9-10 dependent from and further limit independent claim 1 in a patentable sense. Given that Linkola fails to cure the deficiencies noted above with respect to independent claim 1 relative to Twitchell in view of Kurby, Applicant respectfully submits that dependent claims 4-7 and 9-10 distinguish over the cited references of Twitchell, Kurby, and Linkola. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 4-7 and 9-10 is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 13 distinguishes over the cited combination of Twitchell in view of Kurby and further in view of Linkola. In particular, the cited combination of Twitchell, Kurby, and Linkola fails to teach, suggest, or render obvious at least one of the distinguishing features of independent claim 13, namely, accessing a table of mobile country codes and mobile networks code having position data associated therewith and comparing a present mobile country code and mobile network code with entries in the table to locate a corresponding mobile country code and mobile network code. Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 13 distinguishes over the cited references of Twitchell, Kurby, and Linkola and respectfully requests that the rejection thereof be withdrawn.

Dependent claims 14-15 and 17-19 dependent from and further limit independent claim 13 in a patentable sense. Applicant respectfully submits that each of dependent claims 14-15 and 17-19 distinguishes over the cited combination of Twitchell, Kurby, and Linkola for at least the same reasons as those set forth above with respect to independent claim 13. Withdrawal of the rejection of dependent claims 14-15 and 17-19 is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 20 distinguishes over the cited combination of Twitchell in view of Kurby and further in view of Linkola. In particular, the cited combination of Twitchell, Kurby, and Linkola fails to teach, suggest, or render obvious at least one of the distinguishing features of independent claim 20, namely, a table including a plurality of mobile country code and mobile network code pairs, each pair of mobile country codes and mobile network codes having a longitude and latitude associated therewith. Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 20 distinguishes over the cited combination of Twitchell, Kurby, and Linkola. Withdrawal of the rejection of independent claim 20 is respectfully requested.

Dependent claims 21-23 and 25-29 depend from and further limit independent claim 20 in a patentable sense. Applicant respectfully submits that each dependent claims 21-23 and 25-29 distinguishes over the cited combination of Twitchell, Kurby, and Linkola for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to independent claim 20. Withdrawal of the rejection of dependent claims 21-23 and 25-29 is respectfully requested.

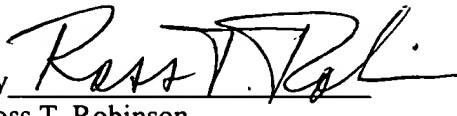
Dependent claims 16 and 24 depend from and further limit independent claims 13 and 20, respectively. Applicant respectfully submits that neither Linkola nor Harris cures the deficiencies of the cited combinations. Dependent claims 16 and 24 distinguish over the cited combinations and are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection of dependent claims 16 and 24 is respectfully requested.

New claims 30-31 have been added. Applicant respectfully submits that each of new independent claims 30 and 31 distinguishes over the cited references for similar reasons to those stated above.

In view of the above, each of the presently-pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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